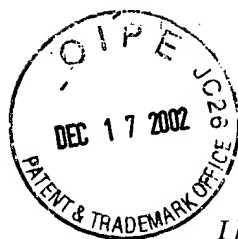


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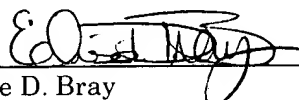
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ELECTRODE FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY, RECHARGEABLE
LITHIUM BATTERY AND METHOD OF PREPARING NEGATIVE ACTIVE
MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY**

Grp./Div : 1745
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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated **August 2, 2002** for **two month(s)** from **November 2, 2002** to **January 2, 2003**.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$110	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$200	\$400	\$400.00
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$460	\$920	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$720	\$1440	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$980	\$1960	\$

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$400.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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